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SUBJECT: PRESS QUESTIONS ON ITALIAN REGIONAL ELECTIONS

1. FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS ON ITALIAN ELECTIONS WERE
ANSWERED BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT THE NOON PRESS
BRIEFING, JUNE 17.

2. Q. BOB, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE COMMUNIST GAINS
IN THE ITALIAN REGIONAL ELECTIONS?

A. I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THESE LOCAL AND
REGIONAL ELECTIONS IN ITALY, NO.

3. Q. MAY I RETURN TO THE ITALIAN ELECTION AND ASK IF THE
GAINS, OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT VIEWS THE GAINS WITH ANY
ALARM AT ALL?

A. A DIRECT ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS NO. BUT I DO NOT
WANT TO GET INTO ANY DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THESE INTERNAL
ELECTIONS THAT JUST TOOK PLACE. KISSINGER

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